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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO VIENNA TALKS, US AID

1. THE VIENNA TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS RECEIVED FRONT PAGE PLAY IN MOST TURKISH DAILIES FRIDAY MORNING (JUNE 6). STORIES WERE PESSIMISTIC IN TONE, FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH'S STATEMENT THAT A REFERENDUM ON A CONSTITUTION FOR THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE WOULD BE HELD ON SUNDAY AND GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER CLERIDES' ASSERTION THAT HE WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE TALKS IF THE REFERENDUM TOOK PLACE.

2. HEADLINE TREATMENT REFLECTED THE TONE OF STORIES: HUR-RIYET:

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"SECOND VIENNA TALKS BEGAN YESTERDAY WITH CLERIDES THREAT";

MILLIYET: "WALDHEIM: I DON'T THINK WE'LL FIND A WAY OUT":
CUMHURIYET: "THE SUNDAY REFERENDUM ON CYPRUS MAKES THE
ATMOSPHERE IN VIENNA TENSE."

3 ACCORDING TO CUMHURIYET CORRESPONDENT UMIT GURTUNA,
DENKTASH SAID THAT IF THE VIENNA TALKS WERE BROKEN OFF, THEY
COULD BE RECONVENED ELSEWHERE, POSSIBLY NICOSIA. IN ITS
STORY ON THE TALKS, GUNAYDIN REPORTED THAT TURKISH FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAD LABELLED CLERIDES' ATTITUDE TOWARD
THE REFERENDUM AS "IRRESPONSIBLE."

4. THERE WAS NO DIRECT EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE VIENNA
TALKS IN FRIDAY EDITIONS, BUT MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI
ASSERTED THAT THE U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY MUST END
BEFORE A CYPRUS SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND. SAID IPEKCI: "...IT
MAY BE NECESSARY FOR TURKEY TO ACCEPT SOME CHANGES IN THE
DE FACTO SITUATION IN CYPRUS FOR THE SAKE OF REACHING A
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. BUT THIS MUST BE DONE THROUGH THE
FREE WILL OF TURKEY. CHANGES ACCEPTED BY TURKEY BEFORE THE
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL BE INTERPRETED BY TURKISH AND
WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AS THE RESULT OF ANKARA HAVING
SUBMITTED TO PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES. WE CANNOT
TOLERATE THE INTERPRETATION THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS MAY
PUT TURKEY UNDER MORTGAGE WHENEVER IT PLEASES. THEREFORE,
THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CANNOT AGREE TO ANY CHANGE IN THE
DE FACTO SITUATION IN CYPRUS UNLESS THE EMBARGO, WHICH IS
BEING USED OPENLY AS A MEANS OF PRESSURE, IS LIFTED."

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